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1. REFS A AND B GIVE DETAILS WHICH HAVE GOVERNED PREPARATION HERE OF DRAFT STATEMENTS OF GOALS AND TASKS FOR EACH AMBASSADOR. DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW FOR YOUR COMMENT. PLEASE RESPOND ASAP, BUT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6 IN ANY EVENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR - THE NETHERLANDS

I. CONTINUATION OF DUTCH COMMITMENT TO NATO

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--EMPHASIZE WITH IMPORTANT GROUPS IN DUTCH SOCIETY THE IMPACT OF THE DUTCH RECORD IN DEFENSE SPENDING AND MILITARY PERFORMANCE ON OTHER NATO MEMBERS.

--WORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE NETHERLANDS OF THE THREE PERCENT DEFENSE SPENDING INCREASE AIM, AND THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES AGREED AT THE

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--PROMOTE DUTCH SUPPORT FOR NATO EFFORTS TOWARD STANDARDIZATION AND COMMONALITY IN THE DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FIELD.

II. STRENGTHENING OF SUPPORT FOR EAST-WEST INITIATIVES

--ENCOURAGE DUTCH SUPPORT FOR EAST-WEST INITIATIVES LIKE SALT, MBFR, CTB, AND THE CSCE BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE THAT AFFECT THEIR VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS THROUGH CLOSE CONSULTATIONS IN NATO.

--EMPHASIZE EQUALLY TO DUTCH LEADERS THE CONTINUITY OF THE FUNDAMENTAL US COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE VIA NATO.

III. MAINTENANCE OF DUTCH SUPPORT ON ECONOMIC ISSUES

--AS CALLED FOR, STRESS THAT THE US TAKES MOST SERIOUSLY ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE FREE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND THE NEED FOR CLOSER COORDINATION IN THE PRESENT CLIMATE ON ISSUES SUCH AS MACROECONOMIC POLICY THAT WERE TREATED AT THE LONDON SUMMIT.

--IF NEED BE, POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO OBJECTION TO EC REPRESENTATION AT THE ECONOMIC SUMMITS, BUT MUST LEAVE THAT DECISION TO THE EUROPEANS.
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--ENCOURAGE CONTINUED DUTCH SUPPORT AS A TRADITIONAL OUTWARD-LOOKING TRADING NATION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE, FINANCE AND ENERGY ISSUES, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ENERGY ISSUES SUCH AS NON-PROLIFERATION.

--FOSTER PRESERVATION OF A RECEPTIVE CLIMATE FOR US TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

--GIVEN THE NETHERLANDS' VOCAL ROLE WITHIN THE EC ON THIRD-WORLD ECONOMIC ISSUES, SEEK THROUGH CLOSE COORDINATION TO HARNESS DUTCH ACTIVITY IN OUR INTERESTS.

IV. IMPROVEMENT OF BILATERAL COOPERATION ON OTHER GLOBAL ISSUES

--TAP THE PROGRESSIVE DUTCH ATTITUDE ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS IN SUPPORT OF OUR OWN HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES.
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